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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PEACE LOG BRIEFING

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1. CHARGE' HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FOR COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR GENERAL ROGERS, LT. GEN. HAILS, MAJ GEN KELLY AND BRIG GEN SCURLOCK TO PARTICIPATE IN PEACE LOG RFP BRIEFING AND PRESENTATION TO GENERAL TOUFANIAN OF ALTERNATIVES TO ORIGINAL PEACE LOG PROGRAM.

2. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, WE HAVE RECEIVED INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION THAT GENERAL TOUFANIAN HAS STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT LARGE EXPENSE AND SIZE OF PROPOSED PEACE LOG PROGRAM. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT HIS REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF LOGISTICS ASSISTANCE TO IIAF MUST BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. WE TRUST THAT REAL REPEAT REAL ALTERNATIVES WILL BE DEVELOPED WHICH WILL ENABLE GENERAL TOUFANIAN TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITIES FOR SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED COST AND CONTRACTOR MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS. IT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE ACCEPATBLE TO OFFER GENERAL TOUFANIAN ALTERNATIVES WHICH ENVISAGE ONLY MARGINAL REDUCTIONS IN THE PROGRAM.

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3. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT BRIEFING BE VETTED AND APPROVED BY STATE AND DOD(ISA) OFFICERS PRIOR TO PRESENTATION TO IRAN. WE PLAN TO REVIEW BRIEFING OURSELVES WHEN ADVANCE TEAM ARRIVES HERE LATER THIS MONTH. WE TRUST THAT IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY AT LATE STAGE OF PROPOSAL PREPARATION TO SEND PROJECT OFFICERS BACK TO THE DRAFTING BOARD.

4. FOUR GENERAL OFFICERS TO PRESENT BRIEFING RAISES QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THAT GALAXY OF STARS MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED BY GENERAL TOUFANIAN AS EFFORT TO PRESSURE HIM INTO ACCEPTING ORIGINAL PROGRAM. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, HE HAS COMPLAINED IN THE PAST OF ALLEGED ATTEMPTS BY U.S. SERVICES TO OVERAWE HIM WITH RANK OR NUMBER OF PERSONNEL WHEN NEW PROGRAMS ARE BEING PRESENTED. WE SUGGEST THAT THIS CONSIDERATION BE WEIGHED BY APPROPRIATE STATE AND DOD OFFICERS IN MAKING DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT FOUR GENERAL OFFICERS SHOULD ATTEND BRIEFING IN IRAN.
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